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NODIS CHEROKEE

FOR SECRETARY FROM TOON

E.O. 11652: XGDS

TAGS: PFOR IS MX

SUBJ: MEXICAN INITIATIVE WITH SADAT

1. YOU WILL HAVE SEEN REPORT OF MEXICAN INITIATIVE WITH SADAT. AWARE THAT YOU MIGHT BE DISTURBED BY DEVELOPMENT AND LEGITIMATELY QUESTION ISRAELI ROLE THEREIN, ALLON ASKED ME LAST NIGHT TO INFORM YOU THAT ISRAELIS HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH MOVE, THAT THIS WAS SOLELY IDEA OF FRENETIC MEXICAN PRESIDENT, AND THAT THEY WERE AS SUPRISED AS PRESUMABLY WE WERE AT SUDDEN TRIP OF MEXICAN FONMIN FROM JERUSALEM TO CAIRO. TODAY, AT AIRPORT CEREMONY ON DEPARTURE OF ECHEVERRIA, ALLON DREW ME ASIDE TO TELL ME THAT WHILE FULL REPORT NOT YET AT HAND, ISRAELIS HAVE BEEN TOLD SADAT'S REACTION TO MEXICAN INITIATIVE FOR MEETING WITH RABIN WAS NEGATIVE.

2. ALLON THEN RELATED FOLLOWING TALE OF HOW INITIATIVE WAS LAUNCHED. AT DINNER THURSDAY, ECHERVERRIA ASKED RABIN IF HE WOULD BE INTERESTED IN FACE-TO-FACE MEETING WITH SADAT. RABIN GAVE STANDARD ISRAELI REPLY--HE PREPARED ANYTIME, ANYWHERE, MEET WITH SADAT AND ANY OF HIS SUBORDINATES SIMILARLY AVAILABLE FOR MEETING WITH ANY OF SADAT'S MEN. ECHEVERRIA SAID HE WOULD SEE WHAT COULD BE DONE. ISRAELIS FOLLOWING MORNING LEARNED FROM " PRESS SOURCES" THAT RABASO HAD FLOWN OFF TO CAIRO ON SPECIAL MISSION AFFECTING ISRAELI-EGYPTIAN RELATIONS.

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3. BOTH ALLON AND RABIN -WHO IN SEPARATE CONVERSATION VERIFIED  
ABOVE DETAILS--FEEL EXERCISE, WHILE NAIVE IN BOTH ITS AIM AND  
EXECUTION NETTED BROWNIE POINTS FOR ISRAELIS--TO WIT, PERCEPTION  
BY LEADING THIRD WORLDER THAT ISRAELIS POSITIVE AND EGYPTIANS  
HAVE SAID NO.  
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